

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/171,432

Applicant(s)

FIELDS ET AL

Examiner

Zachariah Lucas

Art Unit

1648

All Participants:

(1) Zachariah Lucas.

(2) Bruce H. Becker.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 12 August 2004

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

NA

Claims discussed:

69, 73-76, 79-89

Prior art documents discussed:

NA

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner indicated that claims 83-89 were allowable. However, other withdrawn claims are pending in the application. The Examiner indicated that withdrawn composition claims 69, 73, and 79-82 should be cancelled from the application. The Examiner also noted that there are claims drawn to two different methods pending in the application. First, claims 74 and 75 which are drawn to methods of detecting antibodies against HAV. The Examiner indicated that these claims would also be allowable if:

- 1) claim 74 was amended by replacing the term "HAV" with the term - - hepatitis A virus- - ; replacing the phrase "comprise an amino acid sequence" with the term - - are- - ; and by replacing the phrase "SEQ ID NOS: 1-72 and conservative variations thereof" with the phrase - - SEQ ID NOS: 42-48- - ; and
- 2) claim 75 was amended to replace the phrase "has the amino acid sequence of" with the term - - is - - ; and to cancel the phrase "and conservative variations thereof."

With reference to the second method described in claim 76, the Examiner indicated that the claim did not appear to be allowable at present, and that unless the claim was cancelled, a Final Action (by reason of rejections necessitated by amendment) would be issued in the application regarding this claim.

The Applicant accepted these amendments and indicated that an Examiner's Amendment would be acceptable.